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Sean Kirst

COMMENTARY

Dreaming out loud for East Side comeback

Thomas Robinson began his Election Day by stopping at Tim Hortons. Long before dawn, he delivered coffee and doughnuts Tuesday to poll workers at the Pratt Willert Community Center, which he does each year to show his thanks for what they offer:

"You vote," he said, "so at least you have a way of speaking out."

After Robinson cast his ballot, he took a drive and collected his 5-year-old grandson, Dorian Jr. They headed for the Carl-Jeff Barber Shop on Jefferson Avenue near Carlton Street, an East Side institution with roots going back into the 1950s.

Inside: *Brown vows to continue 'bold' plan for city. Page A7*

Jerry Daniels Jr., a proprietor, was busy cutting hair. His dad, Jerry Sr., 85, a barbering legend in Buffalo, was feeling "under the weather," Jerry Jr. said, and didn't make it in.

You could hear the hum of the clippers as Jerry Jr., 54, worked on George Rance Jr., a customer and old friend. That quiet atmosphere, the barbers said, was not typical of the occasion.

"Usually, on an Election Day, there's a lot more conversation," Jerry Jr. said. But the big decision in the city this year seemed to be an all but foregone conclusion, with Mayor Byron W. Brown – a three-time Democratic incumbent – a heavy favorite against his minor-party challengers.

So the talk in the barber shop, a Jefferson Avenue bastion, was less about who voted for whom and more about what the regulars saw as the core challenge for the mayor and all others who hold office in City Hall:

The ultimate judgment on whether Buffalo is truly coming back will be measured by the pulse and vitality of the East Side.

Robinson, 71, a Vietnam War veteran and retiree of the GM Powertrain plant in Tonawanda, said he learned as a child to never take his vote for granted. He was raised in Georgia by his mother, who worked as a maid during a harsh era of legal segregation.

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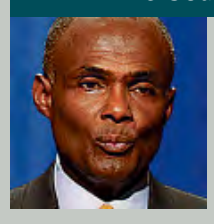
Howard edging Tolbert, Democrats take Legislature

★ Erie County sheriff ★



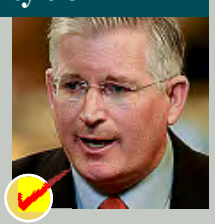
Bernie Tolbert D, W, WEP

Timothy B. Howard* R, C, I, REF

Republican Timothy B. Howard has a 3,800-vote lead over Democrat Bernard A. Tolbert, but nearly 12,000 absentee ballots are yet to be counted.

★ Erie County clerk ★

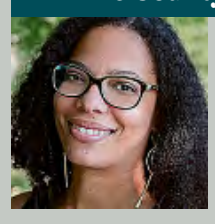
Steven J. Cichon D, W, WEP



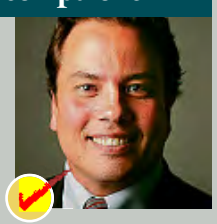
Michael P. Kearns R, C, I, REF

The assemblyman vs. the newsman fight went to the politician, as Republican Mickey Kearns defeated Democrat Steve Cichon for Erie County Clerk.

★ Erie County comptroller ★



Vanessa A. Glushefski D, W, WEP

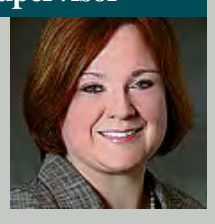


Stefan I. Mychajliw Jr.* R, C, I, REF

Republican Stefan I. Mychajliw bested Democrat Vanessa Glushefski, a first-time candidate, to win another four-year term as Erie County Comptroller.

★ Amherst supervisor ★

Brian J. Kulpa D, G, W, WEP



Marjory H. Jaeger R, C, I, REF

Williamsville Mayor Brian J. Kulpa, a Democrat, will be the next town supervisor, and Democrats will have a 5-0 board majority thanks to two other wins in voting Tuesday. *Story on A8.*

★ Niagara Falls City Council ★

William D. Kennedy II D-G-WF-WE

Andrew P. Touma (i) D-C-G-WF-I

Kristen M. Grandinetti (i) D-WF

Robert Pascoal R-C-I

Christopher P. Voccio R-C-I

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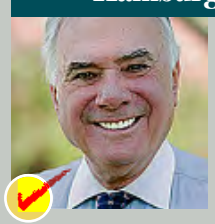
★ Hamburg supervisor ★



James M. Shaw D, W, WEP

Dennis Gaughan R, C, I, REF

Democrat James M. Shaw defeated Dennis Gaughan to become Supervisor, but it appears Republicans will have a board majority as upsizing kicks in. *Story on A8.*

Republicans may win sweep of top county offices

By Robert J. McCarthy

NEWS POLITICAL REPORTER

Republicans won the countywide posts of clerk and comptroller Tuesday, while incumbent Republican Sheriff Timothy B. Howard claimed victory while holding a razor-thin lead of 3,850 votes over his Democratic challenger Bernard A. Tolbert.

The contest may yet be decided by about 12,000 absentee ballots yet to be counted, which will take about a week.

Democrats seized a major victory on the legislative side, taking control of County Hall for the first time since 2013 with a new 6-to-5 majority.

Michael P. Kearns, a Democrat running on the Republican line, also survived a final charge by Democrat Steven J. Cichon to win the election for county clerk. But it was closer than most GOP observers had expected. Kearns beat Cichon by the surprisingly close score of 51.9 to 48.1 percent, or about 7,850 votes.

Only Republican Stefan I. Mychajliw Jr. could claim a landslide victory, beating Democratic challenger Vanessa Glushefski 55 to 45 percent, or about 21,571 votes. He won a second four-year term.

Howard claimed victory early this morning.

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Erie County Legislature control

Ballot proposition: Constitutional convention

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New York Times file photo

James H. Simons, a client of Appleby firm, created one of world's largest private trusts.

PARADISE PAPERS

Offshore accounts reveal elite haven for hidden wealth

Business titans, pop stars, royals found in a law firm's leaked files

By Scott Shane, Spencer Woodman and Michael Forsythe

NEW YORK TIMES

James H. Simons, a reserved mathematician and hedge fund operator from Boston now approaching 80, is a big Democratic donor. Warren A. Stephens, a 60-year-old golf enthusiast once called the king of Little Rock, Ark., inherited a family investment bank and became a booster of conservative Republicans.

But Simons and Stephens are both billionaires who have used the services of offshore finance, the trusts and shell companies that the world's wealthiest people use to park their money beyond the reach of tax collectors and out of the public eye.

Simons was the main beneficiary of a private trust, never previously described, that was one of the largest in the world.

In response to recent questions about the trust, Simons said that he had transferred his share to a Bermuda-registered charitable foundation.

Stephens used an opaque holding company to own an approximately 40 percent stake in a loan business accused by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau of cheating working-class and poor Americans. While earning millions from the investment, Stephens helped finance a political

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